

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Steinar Bjornstad

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR AN IMPROVED BUFFER SOLUTION
WITHIN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK SWITCH

Supplemental Response to Office Action

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir or Madam:

Supplemental to our response of October 4, 2011 to the Office action mailed July 6, 2011, Applicant requests written clarification of the Office action's status as final or non-final.

The Office Action Summary page under item 2a identified the Office action as final. However, a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) was filed with Applicant's previous submission of May 23, 2011. Additionally, action cited completely new grounds for rejection. Accordingly, in either case, the present Office action of July 6, 2011 should not have been designated as final.

While the USPTO's electronic case docket appears to show the correct status of the action as non-final, no written

confirmation in the case record itself has been received to date. Accordingly, under 37 CFR 1.2, Applicant has been forced to tentatively treat the most recent Office action of July 6, 2011 as final, until the written record is formally corrected. Correction of the Office action's status is hereby requested.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

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